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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, LI

SUBJECT: LOS: LIBERIAN REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON LOS SECOND  
NEW YORK SESSION,

REF: (A) STATE 190812, (B) STATE SVC 0148W

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS'  
AUGUST 4 RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE CONTAINED STATE 190812:

BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER  
OF AUGUST 3, 1976, FORWARDING THE QUOTED TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH  
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SENT TO ME IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE NOW BEING HELD IN NEW YORK, UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

I HAVE NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER AND THE SUGGESTION WHICH  
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE  
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DELEGATION ON THOSE POINTS WHICH HE HAS PIN-POINTED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH IN THE LETTER TO ME; AND I WISH TO SAY THAT THE SUGGESTION IS BEING CLOSELY STUDIED SO THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN THE PREMISES. KIND REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS, C. CECIL DENNIS, JR., MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY, WHICH DELIVERED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE BEFORE STATE SVC 0148W RECEIVED, PARAGRAPHEd MESSAGE AS SERVICE MESSAGE INDICATED EXCEPT THAT SENTENCE BEGINNING "TODAY, PRESSURES" REMAINED AS FINAL SENTENCE FIRST PARAGRAPH. "SECOND PARAGRAPH" TO WHICH DENNIS' RESPONSE REFERS IS THUS PARAGRAPH BEGINNING WITH "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" AND ENDING WITH "OUR TASK."

3. COMMENT. DENNIS' REPLY IS NONCOMMITTAL. EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT THIS IS PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO TWO CIRCUMSTANCES: (A) DENNIS, AS WELL AS ALL HIS TOP ADVISERS, WAS ON AUGUST 3, DAY SECRETARY'S MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED, HEAVILY ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR COLOMBO MEETINGS AND JUST COULD NOT FOCUS ON LOS ISSUES; AND (B) GOL'S EXPERT ON LOS MATTERS, DEPUTY JUSTICE MINISTER ROLAND BARNES, HAD ALREADY LEFT FOR NEW YORK LOS SESSION. IT IS PERHAPS POSSIBLE THAT DENNIS COULD BE APPROACHED AT COLOMBO ON LOS AS IT RELATES TO NAM PROCEEDINGS. BUT REAL PLACE TO LOBBY GOL, AT LEAST UNTIL RETURN OF DENNIS TO MONROVIA AFTER COLOMBO SUMMIT, IS NEW YORK.  
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